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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of the shortened statutory period for response set by the Office Action dated 22 September 2004. A Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee is filed concurrently herewith. Please charge any actual deficiency in required fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 520,43160X00).

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